

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 17-22 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of October 3, 2008, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Amendments

Claim 12 has been amended to delete "alcohols" from the list of unsaturated compounds. This amendment is made in order better to define the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention and to further distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art.

Art Rejections

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 013 (a) as being unpatentable over Oku et al., EP 132148. The Examiner's position is that Oku discloses that the antioxidant can be enzymes, pigments, polyphenols, and vitamins, and that some vitamins such as vitamin A, which is an alcohol. Based upon this, the Examiner alleges that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the claimed invention was made, in view of Oku to inhibit a radical

reaction, comprising incorporating a composition of said cyclotetrasaccharide into a composition such as a food or pharmaceutical comprising an unsaturated organic compound such as vitamin A, which is an alcohol, to prevent ingredient(s) such as a protein or peptide in the composition from being denatured by peroxides formed through said radical reaction.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Although applicant does not agree with the Examiner, "alcohols" has now been deleted from the list of unsaturated compounds recited in claim 12. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment placed claim 12 into allowable condition. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

Allowed Claims


It is noted with appreciation that claims 17-22 have been found unobvious over the prior art of record and therefore these claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted
that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and
favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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